

BENEFITS OF DIVERSION

“Crime Hurts—Justice Heals”

- With successful completion of the program, youth will not have a juvenile conviction.
- CADY has the ability to guide participants and their families to other resources in the community.
- Youth take responsibility for personal actions.
- Victims experience closure.
- This community-based process promotes vital connections, personal growth, and lasting behavior change.

PROGRAM FEES

The cost of the program is lower than a court process.

\$250.00

Sliding scale fee available upon application and eligibility.

The reparative process takes approximately 90 days to complete.

CADY Mission Statement

Working with schools and communities to prevent and reduce youth alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and to promote healthy environments and promising futures.

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JUVENILE COURT DIVERSION

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RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

The CADY Restorative Justice Program is a voluntary alternative to court. Restorative Justice is a dignified, responsive and solution-centered, community-based approach to juvenile delinquency.

What is
**RESTORATIVE
JUSTICE?**

The following principles guide the process and practice:

- **Crime harms and affects people:** victims, family members, community members, offenders and others. It damages relationships, and disrupts peace in the community.
- **Restorative Justice allows all parties involved to participate in the process.**
 1. **The victim:** determines their level of involvement.
 2. **The offender:** participates actively in the process.
 3. **The community:** volunteer panel members are part of the solution.
- **Restorative Justice is non-punitive and asks the questions:**
 - *Who has been harmed?*
 - *What needs to be done to make things right?*
- **Repairing harm to the victim and rebuilding relationships are the primary goals of Restorative Justice.**

HOW IT WORKS

1. Juvenile commits a crime and is referred to Restorative Justice by police, court, or school.

2. Juvenile and family meet with Restorative Justice Coordinator for intake interview.

3. Intake and screening completed by program staff to assess eligibility, needs and strengths.

4. Juvenile attends Restorative Justice Panel with 3-4 trained volunteers and the victim. A reparative agreement contract is designed to repair harm, repay financial loss, and reduce the likelihood of re-offense.

5. Over the next 90 days, the juvenile is required to complete the contract. The program staff will work with the youth and family based on assessed needs and risks.

6. Juvenile successfully completes program after all elements of the contract are fulfilled.

7. No Juvenile Conviction upon successful completion.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Who is Eligible?

In general, the guidelines below are used to determine program eligibility:

- ⇒ Youth between the ages of 12 and 18.
- ⇒ Youth who do not pose a safety risk to themselves or others.
- ⇒ Youth and parents/guardians who are willing to make an active commitment to the process.

We recognize that each case is unique. We encourage you to contact us to discuss individual circumstances prior to referral. If an exception is in order, we will make every effort to work with you to determine the best fit.



- ♦ **CADY Restorative Justice** is a court-approved juvenile diversion program accredited by the state of New Hampshire Judicial Branch–Circuit Court Family Division.
- ♦ The reparative process promotes youth resiliency through strengths-based education, restitution, written apology to victim and community service.
- ♦ CADY Restorative Justice has an 85% success rate.